

The Season's Debutantes.



Miss Pauline Morton.

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Society Will Welcome
Many Charming Buds
This Season.

Mademoiselles, Misses,
and Some Beautiful
Senoritas.

Several of the President's
Relatives Will Be in
the List.

WITH a formidable array of unusually pretty and accomplished buds from the Diplomatic Corps, a debutante from the Cabinet circle, a full dozen from official society at large and still more from the ranks of the "Smart Set" of Washington's migratory population and some from "resident society," there will be sufficient fresh element for the "Bachelors' Cotillions," the "Sixty Couple Cotillions" and other dancing affairs, to force last season's scanty crop of buds into wall flowers before Lent rings down the curtain for a few weeks' respite.

If that terrible question of precedence should present itself among the "buds," Senorita Elena de Aspizroz would naturally head the list, as in fact she is rightfully entitled to do in any event, and next to her for consideration would come bright, breezy, lovable Pauline Morton, daughter of the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Morton.

Question Not to Intrude.

Luckily, however, such a highly disagreeable and much misunderstood subject will not be allowed to thrust itself in to mar the happiness of society's fledglings, and only the all important subject of how "my girl" is to be presented, and who will venture first, disturbs the matter.

All over the country there is a tendency toward the return to the evening reception and dance, and certainly there is no more brilliant or attractive form of managing the event. Then it is not half so tame as the insipid afternoon tea or the sprightly dinner dance, and gives a far better chance for the display of pretty gowns. So, while scarce a single mother has decided upon the form of "bringing out my girl," and but few ever upon the date, this old-new idea gives a charming air of expectancy to the male portion of society at least.

Senorita de Aspizroz.

Senorita de Aspizroz, daughter of the Mexican ambassador and Senora de Aspizroz, has grown from a short-frocked schoolgirl into a finished young lady in Washington, and is perfect master of

pretty English, as well as an accomplished linguist in the tongues of other countries. She is exceedingly pretty and will easily rank in popularity with the daughters of the Peruvian minister and Senora Calderon, who are said to be by far the most popular diplomatic girls in Washington society, excepting, of course, the irresistible Countess Cassini.

She will make the third representative of an ambassador's household in society. Countess Cassini and Miss Dupand, the latter the daughter of the British ambassador, being the other two.

Miss Pauline Morton, daughter of Secretary and Mrs. Morton, is the sweetest, sprightliest girl imaginable, and will be the able ally of Miss Shaw and the Misses Hitchcock, the only other girls of the Cabinet family.

She will appear with Miss Roosevelt and the Cabinet girls at all the White House functions, and will have the homage of every beau in uniform in the military ranks.

Elisa Walker-Martinez.

Senorita Elisa Walker-Martinez, daughter of the minister from Chile and Senora Walker-Martinez, will have her first formal glimpse of Washington society at a tea to be given at the legation, Friday, November 25, when her mother will receive all the members of the Diplomatic Corps and society in general. She will have none of the startling fear of our townspeople experienced by most of the debutantes who have bloomed in other parts of the world, for in her two years' residence in Washington, she has made numerous friends among the younger set, and was this summer formally presented to society at the Mexican capital, where her father represents the Chilean government as he does here.

Senorita Walker-Martinez speaks fluent English, and is also master of several other tongues.

Perhaps the very prettiest girl from the diplomatic ranks, if one might dare to venture a public opinion, is Senorita Elena Calderon, daughter of the minis-

ter from Bolivia and Senora Calderon. While the minister's appointment only dates from May of last spring, Senorita Calderon's mother is an American woman, formerly a Miss Arcadia Yarnell, of Philadelphia, and it was in visits to her relatives in this country that she became familiar with American ways.

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Miss Hoyt is an accomplished girl and will maintain in the future her great popularity of the past.

Miss Zedie Gaff.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Gaff, of Cincinnati, have leased the residence formerly occupied by ex-Secretary of War and Mrs. Root, and will present their daughter, Miss Zedie Gaff from that imposing residence. They are building a handsome home in Twentieth Street, which will not be ready for occupancy this season.

Other out-of-town people who will bring their season's bud to Washington are Mr. and Mrs. George Choate Kendall, who have leased the residence of the Surgeon General and Mrs. Sternberg, in California Avenue, and who will present Mrs. Kendall's daughter, Miss Florence Conrad. Miss Conrad has been educated for the greater part in Europe, and is a charming and accomplished girl.

Gen. and Mrs. John C. Black, who spent the summer at the Tamaracks, their summer home in Mackinac Island, Mich., have taken a house here for the winter, and will present their daughter, Miss Helene E. Black, who is already being constantly entertained at debutante teas and luncheons.

Miss Caroline Schroeder.

Miss Caroline Schroeder, who is to be presented at a tea at her father's residence, 1816 N Street, December 1, is one of the handsomest girls of the debutante set, and has for several years been watched with interest and admiration by a number of the beaux who have annually paid devotion to the prettiest debutantes for more years past than we care to tell.

Miss Caroline Schroeder is the daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Seaton Schroeder, and when her father was appointed Governor of Guam, accompanied him with her mother and sisters to that place. Otherwise, except for the summers spent at their Jamestown, R. I. home, Miss Caroline has passed her life in Washington, and was educated in Washington schools.

The Misses Dunn, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Dunn, who, since their return from Europe a few months ago, have kept a lively pace with society at the Hot Springs of Virginia, will make their debut this season in Washington.

and judging from their popularity at the Virginia resort, they will be delightfully received. They are attractive blonds, wealthy, and finely educated.

Mrs. William Winlock will present her daughter, Miss Isabel Winlock, who has long been looked upon as one of Washington's most attractive unfolding buds.

Miss Katherine Heald.

Mr. and Mrs. John Heald, of N Street, will formally present their daughter, Miss Katherine's Bradley Heald, to society early in December. Miss Heald was born and raised in Washington, and comes from the old resident set often referred to as "cave dwellers" by the floating population of Washington. Her mother was before marriage Miss Emma C. Bradley, and long identified with the old families of the District.

Miss Heald would probably have made her debut a year or so ago, but for her mother being in deep mourning.

It is not improbable that Miss Ethel de Koven will be presented formally by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald de Koven, before the winter is over. She is not only one of the wealthiest of the adopted daughters of Washington, but one of the most accomplished, possessing a combination of her mother's love for literature and a deft handling of the pen, with her father's wonderful gift for music.

Another pretty girl, so sweet and winning that at least a dozen Washington beaux are watching for her formal appearance, is Miss Zelma Pilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Pilson, of Richmond, who have spent the past few seasons in Washington.

Miss Alice Miller.

Miss Alice Miller will be formally presented at the home of her parents, Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. Frederick A. Miller, early in the season. Mrs. Miller was formerly Miss Alice Townsend, and presented her other daughter, Miss Edith Miller, to society two years ago.

Commander and Mrs. William H. Southland will present their second daughter, Miss Mary Rodman Southland, to society, and from previous years had at the wide world since the debut of her sister, Miss Harriet R. Southland, one of the city's most favored girls, whose appearance will be greeted with cheers by a number of young people.

Sir Liang's Daughter.

As the list grows apace it increases in interest, and if only Sir Liang-Cheng would consent to the formal presentation of his very pretty daughter, and we could for once have an Oriental bud, who was not done up in ribbons and lace in conventional style and started on life's road at an afternoon tea, there would be a welcome spice about it. But this is not likely to happen, as Sir Liang is a scholar, and while enjoying the lighter side of life to some extent, wishes his daughter to devote her time to study while in this country.

Now since the election has placed President Roosevelt in the White House for another four years, this season will bring to Washington several of his young relatives, who will be presented next month, and the old White House will, as of old, be the mecca of all the official buds.

Story of a Grateful Man and a Plucky Mare

A YOUNG MAN, well dressed and in a great hurry, rushed up to the railroad tracks toward a horse runaway, in the St. Paul freight yards, the other day. He was out of breath when he arrived at the chute, where a load of horses shipped from New Mexico was about to be unloaded.

"They aren't a very pretty lot," ventured the agent, "but they're all right. By George, there's one more in the car," he exclaimed, as he raised the bars he had dropped, and allowed a buckskin mare, desperately lame behind, to come out.

The face of the young man lighted up, and he sprang at the fence and vaulted it before the agent could prevent him. "Dolly! It's Dolly," he sobbed, as he threw his arms about the little mare's neck. She rubbed her nose on his coat and pricked her ears forward and backward with pleasure at the meeting.

The agent allowed the horse and man to say "howdy" to each other and then inquired: "Well, young fellow, how much will you give for her?"

"How much do you want?" replied the man.

"Sixty-five dollars," said the agent, and the young man started to count out the bills.

"Seems to know you, sir," said one of the hostlers.

"Yes, I should think so," replied the young man. "She knows me, and I certainly know her. She isn't pretty, but I wouldn't trade her for English Lad, or Hamburg Belle, or any of those flyers, and I guess Dan Patch would offer to swap with me for Dolly."

"Why?"

"Well, I'll tell you. A year ago last summer I was in the California mountains. I was broke, as the old man and myself had a temporary disagreement. I was working with a railroad as time-keeper. I had to ride twelve miles a day through the roughest country in California, and the little mare used to carry me.

"I would not be here if it had not been for her nerve when mine failed. One day we were going along a twisting trail that was being changed into a railroad grade. The men had cleared the chaparral from both sides, and the gummy, resinous stuff lay stewing in the sun. The grade lay along the side of a canyon and in some places the mountain was so steep that a man could toss a stone half a mile.

"Dolly kept pricking her ears backward and casting sidelong glances at me, and I did all I could to soothe her. Finally there came a puff of wind that carried some of the brands clear out on the mountain side, and in a few more seconds, by leaning over the edge of the grade, I could see the blue smoke and yellow flames as they ate their way into the heaps of brush. The smell of the resin in the chaparral struck me as being too close for comfort, and I told the little mare to move along.

"When a gust of white flame swept out of the furnace and touched my left side, I felt my senses reel, and expected the next moment to be my last. There was a lull in the attack of the fire just at this juncture and the old mare turned her head around and looked me squarely in the eye.

"I just had time to murmur 'Into thy hands I commend my spirit,' when she

struck the fire. Into it she plunged and, keeping her courage on the narrow ledge, made the turn out on the mountain side.

"It seemed a half-hour before we were through that hell. And as we emerged from the sweeping billows I felt her falter. I was too weak to guide her, but she managed to stagger to safety just as I rolled from her back.

"I was in the hospital in San Francisco a month before I was in shape to be about and it was three months before I could get back to the mountains to try to find Dolly. My father had become reconciled to me during my illness and I wanted to buy the old mare and take her back home with me.

"They told me that she had been badly burned and was no good and had been turned out on the hillside to die.

"But I found her today in this shipment from New Mexico and from this time forth to the end of her days she is going to wade in bluegrass, and have every care a horse can have, because it was through her that I am here."

His Well-Known Name.

An English manufacturer who has just returned from a tour in Scotland is relating an amusing incident which occurred during his trip.

In a remote village in the lowlands he came across an inhabitant of such venerable appearance that he stopped to chat with him.

"By the way, what is your name?" inquired the traveler. "Robert Burns," was the answer. "Dear me, that's a very well known name."

"Nae doot it is, mon; I've been blacksmith in this village for nigh on sixty years."

"—Kansas City Independent.

COST CITY NOTHING.

How San Antonio, Texas, Secured New Engine House.

CITIZENS of San Antonio, Texas, may point to a new engine house erected in that city and claim that it was built without the expenditure of a single cent of money from the public treasury.

The "San Antonio Express" explains how this was done as follows: "The lot was donated by Ed Steves & Sons, as well as all the necessary lumber, cornice work, and hardware. The house has been built by the city carpenters, assisted by picked men from the fire department, and the painting has been done by the city painter."

The new engine house is one of the best in the State of Texas. It is surrounded by an observatory fifty feet high, which commands a good view of the entire city. A man will always be on watch in this tower, connected with the central station, so that he can immediately communicate any unusual smoke or light which he has observed. This observatory will be cool in summer and well heated in winter.